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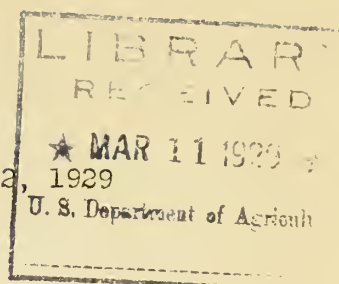
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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

PROSPECTIVE DISTRIBUTION OF NEW ZEALAND-AUSTRALIA APPLE AND PEAR CROPS

Conclusions as to the export distribution of the Australia and New Zealand apple and pear crops can now be drawn from schedules of sailings from those countries which are beginning to arrive, according to a report received in the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics from Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. With the exception of trans-shipments between England and the Continent, the distribution of this fruit is quite inflexible after the sailing schedules have been drawn up.

According to the Empire Marketing Board, New Zealand apples should start arriving in Great Britain about the 21st of March, when 11,000 boxes are due. Shipments between that time and the end of April are not very heavy, making up only about 55,000 boxes. During the last week of April 11,000 additional boxes are due. The following table has been compiled by Mr. Smith from information received from various sources and may be considered approximately correct:

APPLES AND PEARS: Prospective exports from Australia and New Zealand, 1929

District	Exports		
	Total	United Kingdom	Continent
	Boxes	Boxes	Boxes
Victoria .....	10,000	10,000	---
N. S. Wales .....	---	---	---
South Australia ....	50,000	25,000	25,000
West Australia ....	555,000	94,000	461,000
Tasmania .....	1,097,000	801,000	a/ 296,000
New Zealand .....	b/ 1,000,000	600,000	270,000
1929, total .....	2,712,000	1,530,000	1,052,000
1928, total .....	c/ 5,340,000	4,354,000	963,500

a/ Designated for Hamburg. b/ Including 130,000 for South America.

c/ Including 12,500 for South America.

The increase of shipments of apples and pears from these countries to the Continent of Europe is noteworthy. It is to be seen that in last year's shipments, only 18 per cent of the exports moved to Continental markets. This year there is a prospect of approximately 35 per cent being distributed on the Continent. Development of Continental markets has taken place more rapidly with the fruit from Western Australia than from any of the other sections when there is a prospect of only 94,000 boxes being marketed in the United Kingdom as against 461,000 on the Continent.

